

JUNE 12, 2012

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Houck with Councilors Drexel, Harriman, Seymour and Nesbitt present, along with City Attorney Fogo, City Clerk Davidson, Community Development Director Westbay, several citizens and the press. City Manager Coleman was absent. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2012.**

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of May 22, 2012, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Houck, Seymour, Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Drexel. He was absent from the meeting.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:**Habitat for Humanity Update – Julie Robinson, Jerry Kowal, Ronda Connaway.**

Ms. Robinson and Mr. Kowal informed Council that Habitat for Humanity is in the process of purchasing property located at 6th St. and New York Ave. from Gunnison County. Closing is anticipated to be July 16th. Once purchased, Habitat will then submit a PUD plan to the City. They have discovered a 35' wide utility easement through the property that may impact their original building plans. The easement is located in the vacated Gunnison Avenue right-of-way. They plan to construct both single family and duplex housing units, with the first construction to start in 2013. Up to this point, Habitat for Humanity in Gunnison has served 20 families and built 12 deed-restricted units. Building is funded by the County, 400 hours of sweat equity by each qualifying family, donations from local contractors, materials and service providers. The City's 2012 utility contribution commitment is very important and will help to leverage other funding. They are a non-profit organization. Council thanked the organization for all of the work they do in the community.

Gunnison Arts Center Multi-Day Special Event Permit for Sundays @ 6 – Director Kathleen Curry. No representatives from the Arts Center were present. Mayor Houck asked this agenda item be discussed later in the meeting. Council concurred.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Appointments to Planning & Zoning Commission – 2 vacancies. Interviews were conducted at last week's Work Session meeting. Stu Ferguson, Erik Niemeyer, and Andy Tocke were interviewed for the 2 Commission vacancies. Mayor Houck recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Niemeyer is working on the Mayor's County Commission candidate race. Mayor Pro Tem Harriman took over the meeting. City Clerk Davidson informed Council she emailed each of the applicants asking them, if they weren't considered for the Planning Commission vacancies, if they would be willing to serve on the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals. Both Andy Tock and Stu Ferguson were willing to serve in this capacity but Erik Niemeyer would only be interested in serving on the Planning Commission. A short discussion ensued.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to appoint Andy Tocke and Erik Niemeyer to the Planning and Zoning Commission with terms to expire May 15, 2017.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Seymour, Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: Drexel.

Roll call vote, abstain: Houck.

Mayor Houck resumed chairing the meeting.

Appointments to Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals – 3 vacancies.

Interviews were conducted at last week's Work Session meeting. Marian Hicks was interviewed and Marla Larson was unable to attend that meeting. Both are current Board members. A short discussion ensued.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Drexel seconded the motion to appoint Marian Hicks, Marla Larson, and Stu Ferguson to the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals with terms to expire May 18, 2015.

Roll call vote, yes: Houck, Seymour, Nesbitt, Drexel, Harriman. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

The Mayor thanked all of the citizens who applied for their willingness to serve the community. Their service is very much appreciated.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 2, Series 2012; Re: Adoption of Modified Sign Code; 2nd Reading. Councilor Seymour introduced Ordinance No. 2, Series 2012, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Seymour moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 2, Series 2012, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 15.100, SIGN STANDARDS, WITHIN TITLE 15, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9.40, USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR PRIVATE PURPOSES, WITHIN TITLE 9, PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second and final reading this 12th day of June, 2012.

Community Development Director Westbay informed Council that per their discussion at last week's Work Session meeting, there are two changes that need to be made to the Ordinance. On the top of page 8, number 28, the sandwich board sign dimensions should be 32 inches in width and 42 inches in height. And, on page 17, Section 15.100.030 General Regulations H., once again the sandwich board sign dimensions should be 32 inches in width and 42 inches in height. City Clerk Davidson reminded Council the amended Ordinance, if passed, will become effective on the date of publication, which is scheduled for June 21, 2012.

Mayor Houck asked the first and second on the motion if they wanted to amend their motion to include the amendments to the ordinance as stated. Both Councilors Seymour and Nesbitt agreed with the ordinance amendment and modification of the motion.

Roll call vote, yes: Seymour, Nesbitt, Drexel, Harriman, Houck. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Gunnison Arts Center Multi-Day Special Event Permit for Sundays @ 6. City Clerk Davidson reminded Council that any Special Event Permit that is for 4 or more consecutive days or 4 or more days over the course of the year must be approved by Council. The Arts Center has been providing the Sundays at 7, now 6, event for the past 6 or 7 years. Council agreed that the event is a good community and visitor venue.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Seymour seconded the motion to approve the Multi-day Special Event Permit application from the Gunnison Arts Center for the 2012 Sundays @ 6 Concert Series to be held at Legion Park.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Drexel, Harriman, Houck, Seymour. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: Nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman. Absent.

Acting City Manager/City Clerk: Gail Davidson. City Clerk Davidson informed Council that Public Works Director Bradford spoke with WSC President Helman regarding paving Escalante Drive prior to the USAPCC race in late August. Director Bradford should have an answer by late tomorrow afternoon. The Ride the Rockies Tour start in Gunnison this weekend went well. Police Chief Robinson reported few problems. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro reported that the downtown event went very well and most of the vendors sold out. The restaurants in town also reported they did very well over the weekend. In other news, Clerk Davidson reported the following: department reports went out to Council last week and if they have any questions to contact the Department Head; there were burglaries at Sawtooth Mountain Woodworks and Partners last week and a suspect was identified and arrested; a resident in town awoke to an intruder in his home who had also entered his vehicle; Police Chief Robinson wants to remind everyone to help protect themselves by locking their house and vehicle doors; there was a pedestrian/vehicle accident on Saturday night in front of City Hall, the pedestrian was released from the hospital and the driver of the vehicle was arrested for DUI; work on the Communications Center project continues; meetings have been held for planning of the annual

4th of July event; and the new police officer hiring process is progressing. City Clerk Davidson then informed Council that three City representatives have been invited to a proposed Cochetopa Scenic & Historic By-Way lunch at the Buffalo Pass Campground over Cochetopa Pass on Wednesday, June 27th at 12:15pm. Representatives from the State By-Way Commission will be having lunch with Saguache County Commissioners, Saguache Town officials, and representatives from the Forest Service and BLM to discuss on-site the proposed new By-Way.

Community Development Director Westbay informed Council there will be a Gunnison Sage Grouse informational meeting at the Fred Field Western Heritage Center on Thursday, June 14th from 9am to 1pm. Mayor Houck stated he would attend, as well as possibly Councilors Harriman and Nesbitt. City Clerk Davidson will post the meeting.

WSC Liaison: Not present until September.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Councilor Nesbitt: reported he attended the fabulous 50th Birthday celebration for Blue Mesa. The power plant tour was very interesting. The Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director was present and the Gunnison Valley Water Roundtable and the UGRWCD held a joint meeting. The CDP&W received initial funding approval from the Water Roundtable for their grant application for the VanTuyl Ranch river bank restoration study and the application will now go to the CWCB. He will be attending a drought conference in September. Councilor Nesbitt then brought up potential Oil & Gas Regulations in the City to help protect water quality. A short discussion ensued. Mayor Houck suggested the City talk with the County Attorney regarding the County's Oil & Gas Regulations pertaining to the City.

Councilor Seymour: informed Council the Planning Commission will swear in the new members tomorrow evening and will then be discussing the VanTuyl Ranch Annexation.

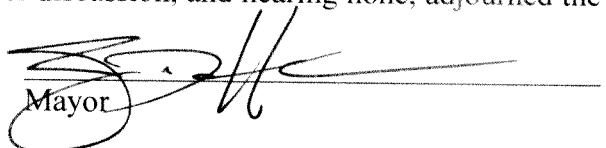
Mayor Houck: reported he attended the Girls State Conference opening ceremony last week and then Mayor Pro Tem Harriman addressed the Conference participants. The annual Conference has taken place at WSC for over 25 years. The girls first learn about and then work through the city and county governmental processes during the program. It is a great Conference. The Mayor then reported he met with Ethan Mueller of CBMR and discussed and brainstormed how to better connect Gunnison and CBMR. He also attended the City-hosted Mayors'/Managers' meeting last Thursday where the participants discussed their top three priorities affecting their entity. Transportation, economic development and marketing/branding were common themes. He is compiling the results of that discussion and will distribute them to Council. The next meeting is in Pitkin on July 12th. He attended the Ride the Rockies events in Gunnison this weekend and there was good response from the participants. He spoke at the opening ceremony on Sunday morning and the local Partners Organization received \$5,000 from the RTR organizers. It is estimated the event resulted in a \$250,000 impact on the community. This may be more since Gunnison was the start community and many participants arrived early to get acclimated to the elevation. On Monday night, he met with a group of interested parties concerning the creation of an agricultural business incubator. Mountain Roots, WSC Environmental Studies, and the CSU Extension are interested in this proposal. The VanTuyl Ranch Master Plan contains possible use of some of the ranch for this type of activity.

Mayor Pro Tem Harriman: reported she attended the Girls State Conference. The girls follow a very structured schedule, have a required dress code and were very enthusiastic. She also attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting and the discussion was very good. Over the weekend she passed through the downtown bicycle festivities and there was a lot of fun activity.

Councilor Drexel: reported he didn't attend any meetings but he did report a Gunnison Valley business has received business funding assistance from the Region 10 Loan Fund.

Adjournment: Mayor Houck called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.


City Clerk


Mayor